Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1982, the Masonic Motorcycle Club was organized, and became an international club in 1984; and,

Whereas, The Masonic Motorcycle Club International (MMCI) held its first international conference in 1985, and became an AMA sanctioned chartered chapter in 1993; and,

Whereas, There are 44 MMCI riding chapters throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe with a common purpose to bring together Master Masons whose mutual interest is motorcycle riding, promoting good fellowship, and encouraging membership in the fraternity; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is known for its "riders", which date back to the pony express, the 7th Calvary, Indians and scouts, and rodeo cowboys on bucking horses and bulls; and,

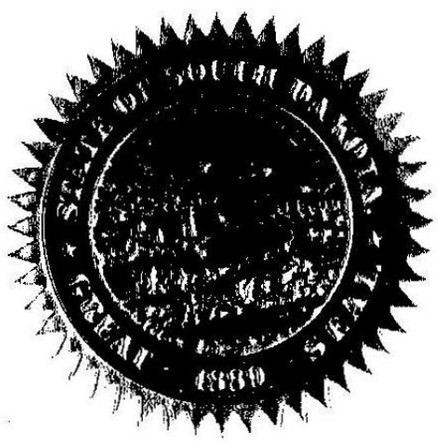
Whereas, Motorcycle enthusiasts have enjoyed the beauty of the Black Hills for many years and Sturgis, South Dakota, became a well-known place on the map with its world-famous bike rally; and,

Whereas, The Masonic Motorcycle Club International will ride in the Black Hills this year with a destination of Deadwood and Sturgis where the local chapter of Masons will host them on July 30, 2009:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2009, as

MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State